

Service Date: October 8, 1996

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF SEELEY LAKE GAS)	UTILITY DIVISION
COMPANY, Application for Initial Rates for)	
Propane Service to its Customers in its Seeley)	DOCKET NO. D96.8.136
Lake Service Area.)	ORDER NO. 5947

INTERIM ORDER

1. On August 16, 1996 Seeley Lake Gas Co. (SLG) filed an application before the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting approval of initial rates for propane service to customers in its Seeley Lake service area.

2. In its application SLG proposes initial rates which include a \$5.50 per month service charge to all customers and a commodity charge of \$8.20 per million Btu (\$.75 per gallon) for residential and light residential customers and \$7.42 per million Btu (\$.68 per gallon) for industrial customers.

3. The PSC noticed SLG's application on August 22, 1996, inviting public comments and requests for hearing. No comments or requests have been received.

4. Upon review of SLG's application the PSC finds that the rates proposed therein are just and reasonable for purposes of initial rates on an interim basis.

5. SLG is a public utility subject to the PSC's jurisdiction as provided in Title 69, ch. 3, MCA. SLG's initial rates are hereby approved, subject to the following:

a. SLG shall file tariffs with the PSC reflecting the initial rates as approved by this Order and include therein all SLG operating rules; and

b. on or about one year from the service date of this Order, SLG shall file with the PSC cost information according to PSC requirements reflecting an historical test year and therewith apply for final approval of rates.

Done and dated this 2nd day of October, 1996, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See ARM 38.2.4806.